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A.—(1) & (2) A statement is laid on the table.*
(3) The Government have not received any complaints regarding canvassing.
(4) Books are removed from the list of approved books when they have become obsolete and sometimes for special reasons.
(5) The Government have no information. If the hon. Member will give specific instances, the matter will be inquired into.

Selection of polling officers for Legislative Council elections.

750 *Q.*—Mr. A. T. PALMER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether during the last election for the Legislative Council any principle was adopted in the selection of polling officers;

(2) whether it is a fact that in the Northern Circars some of the polling officers were in sympathy with the non-co-operators;

(3) whether it is a fact that the polling officers abused the instruction that they could sign for illiterate voters;

(4) whether it will not be possible to make better arrangements in future;

(5) whether it is a fact that in the last elections great confusion prevailed because of the ignorance of the polling officers in regard to the different constituencies voting at the same polling booths; and

(6) whether it will be possible to make better arrangements in the choosing of polling officers?

A.—(1) Yes.
(2), (3) & (5) The Government have no information.
(4) & (6) These questions do not therefore arise.

Depressed classes representation in the Coimbatore taluk board.

751 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominated members on the Coimbatore taluk board, and how many of them are non-Brahmans; and

(*b*) whether there is no member of the depressed classes in the Coimbatore taluk board; and why?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

Adi-Dravida voters in the electoral rolls of Polur and Tiruvannamalai taluk boards.

752 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number of Adi-Dravidas registered as voters in the electoral rolls of the Tiruvannamalai and Polur taluk boards; and

(2) whether they have nominated any Adi-Dravida representative to these boards; if not, why not?

* *Vide* Appendix A on page 1493 *infra*.